

IC 20-12-22.1

Chapter 22.1. Part-time Student Grant Program and Fund

IC 20-12-22.1-1

"Academic term"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "academic term" means a semester or a quarter, whichever applies.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-2

"Academic year"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "academic year" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-21-3(1).

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-3

"Approved institution of higher learning"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "approved institution of higher learning" means an educational institution that:

- (1) operates in Indiana;
- (2) is either operated by the state or operated not-for-profit;
- (3) operates an organized program of post-secondary education leading to a technical certificate, nursing diploma, or associate or baccalaureate degree; and
- (4) is accredited by a recognized regional accrediting agency, the Indiana commission on proprietary education, or the Indiana state board of nursing.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-4

"Approved secondary school"

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "approved secondary school" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-21-3(3).

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-5

"Commission"

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter and unless otherwise specifically provided, "commission" refers to the state student assistance commission established under IC 20-12-21-4.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-6

"Fund"

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the part-time student grant fund established by section 8 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-7

"Part-time student grant"

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "part-time student grant" refers to a monetary award from the fund.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-8

Part-time student grant fund

Sec. 8. (a) The part-time student grant fund is established to make awards authorized under this chapter to eligible applicants.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

(1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.

(2) Gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the state in order to achieve the purposes of the fund.

(c) The fund shall be administered by the commission.

(d) The fund shall be separate and distinct from other funds administered by the commission and money in the fund may not be exchanged with or transferred to other funds.

(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds are invested.

(f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-9

Commission duties

Sec. 9. The commission shall do the following:

(1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 governing the operation of the fund, including rules specifying the procedures that applicants must follow to appeal determinations made under subdivisions

(3) and (4).

(2) Prescribe the form and manner in which applications for part-time student grants may be submitted.

(3) Determine the eligibility of applicants.

(4) Determine the amount of a part-time student grant awarded to a recipient.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-10

Conditions of eligibility

Sec. 10. An applicant is eligible to receive a part-time student grant if the following conditions are met:

(1) The applicant is domiciled in Indiana, as defined by the commission.

(2) The applicant:

(A) has received a diploma of graduation from an approved secondary school;

(B) has been granted a:

(i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;
or

(ii) state of Indiana general educational development

(GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1; or
(C) is a student in good standing who is completing a final year of study at an approved secondary school and will be eligible upon graduation to attend an approved institution of higher learning.

(3) The applicant declares, in writing, a specific educational objective or course of study and enrolls in:

(A) a course that applies toward the requirements for completion of that objective or course of study; or

(B) a course designed to help the applicant develop the basic skills the applicant needs to successfully achieve that objective or continue in that course of study.

(4) The applicant enrolls in at least two (2) but fewer than twelve (12) credit hours in any academic term.

(5) The commission or an approved institution of higher learning acting as the commission's agent determines that the financial resources available to the applicant are such that in the absence of a grant under this chapter the applicant would be deterred from beginning or completing the applicant's declared educational objective or course of study.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.149-1995, SEC.15.

IC 20-12-22.1-10.5

Accumulated credit requirements

Sec. 10.5. The commission may establish accumulated credit requirements as a condition of eligibility for an award made under this chapter.

As added by P.L.273-1999, SEC.201.

IC 20-12-22.1-11

Renewal of grant; conditions

Sec. 11. A student may receive a renewal of a part-time student grant if the student does the following:

(1) Makes satisfactory progress toward a certificate, nursing diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree.

(2) Demonstrates continuing financial need.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-12

Number of grants available; maximum grants to particular student

Sec. 12. (a) The commission shall determine the maximum number of part-time student grants available to applicants. However, with respect to a particular student, the total of the academic terms for which:

(1) part-time student grants under this chapter; and

(2) state higher education awards or freedom of choice grants under IC 20-12-21;

are made may not exceed the equivalent of eight (8) semesters of full-time study.

(b) For purposes of this section, the commission shall treat the academic term for which a grant is made under this chapter as the same percentage of an academic term as the percentage used to determine the applicant's grant under section 14(b) of this chapter. In addition, the commission shall treat each academic term for which a state higher education award or a freedom of choice grant is made under IC 20-12-21 as one (1) academic term.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-13

Term of student eligibility

Sec. 13. A student's eligibility expires ten (10) years after first being offered a grant under this chapter or under IC 20-12-21.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.

IC 20-12-22.1-14 Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.273-1999, SEC.202.)

IC 20-12-22.1-15

Approved institution of higher learning as implementing agent of program

Sec. 15. The commission may permit an approved institution of higher learning to act as its agent in accepting applications from, determining eligibility for, and making awards to eligible applicants of the approved institution of higher learning. The institution of higher learning shall provide to the commission on a timely basis any information, reports, and accounting the commission requires.

As added by P.L.166-1991, SEC.5.